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## TEUTONS THREATEN SALONIKI; ALLIES RUSH DEFENSES

Germany Said to Have Informed Athens She Will Be Compelled to Take Action—Allies Continue Landing Troops.

Crossing of Bulgars Into Greek Territory Might Arouse Enmities and Alter Situation.

Greek Election Tomorrow to Have Little Effect—Teutons Continue Advance in Montenegro.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The unprecedented military situation in Greece has developed a new crisis. The allied troops which, according to the estimates of British newspapers number 200,000, are fortifying themselves about Saloniki, are preparing to advance into Greek territory to attack them.

Disputes between the allies are continuing to arrive there. Officers of the allies are advertising in the Saloniki newspapers for men to work on the fortification and are employing all Serbians not subjected to military service in the army. It is expected that complete control of the railways at Saloniki will be taken over by the entente forces tomorrow.

## GERMAN PROTEST SENT TO ATHENS

Action Reported Threatened if Fortification of That Base Continues.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The threat that the German minister at Athens is said to have made to the effect that Germany would be compelled to take action if the fortification of that base continued brings the Balkan development a step nearer a crisis.

The Post's Athens correspondent says that the fact that an attack upon Saloniki has not yet begun is attributed in official circles to the necessity in which the Germans find themselves of concentrating sufficient forces, repelling communications destroyed by the Anglo-French and Servians and the bringing up of sufficient supplies of munitions, but that the moment they have made these preparations the attack will be begun and pushed home.

Dispatches to the Daily Mail from Athens estimate the total available German forces at 200,000 men, who, however, are fatigued by continuous mountain marching and states that it is reported the intended German reinforcements have been diverted to Buzachuk to meet an expected Russian menace.

According to the Athens Embassy, the ministerial organ, the Greek Government will address a fresh protest to the entente Powers against fortifying Saloniki.

The Austrians and Bulgarians still are carrying on mountain warfare against King Nicholas' troops and the Servians. A big battle is in progress on the Black Drin River, between the Serbs and Bulgarians. It is said the Bulgarians, who crossed the river, found the Servians had been reformed, and were driven back. It is possible the Servian counter-attacks were made possible by supplies having reached them from the Italians who landed on the Albanian coast and who are trying to open communication with the Serbs through that country. The Italians, it is understood, already have landed 25,000 men.

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## CLOUDY SKIES TONIGHT, TO BE CLEAR TOMORROW

THE TEMPERATURES:  
Yesterday's Temperatures:  
High, 38 at 1 p. m. Low, 27 at 10 p. m.  
Humidity at 7 p. m. yesterday, 77 per cent; at 7 a. m. today, 70 per cent.

## WILL A DOCK BILL BUILD A DOCK, DILL?

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; colder tomorrow; the lowest temperature tonight will be about 22 degrees.

## SOLDIERS WAIT FOR LEGS WHILE WOOD SEASONS

Making of Artificial Limbs Here Halted Because of Shortage of Dry Willow.

The manufacture of artificial legs, for shipment from St. Louis to the warring nations of Europe, has been halted by a shortage in the supply of seasoned willow wood.

Harry I. Jansen, president of the R. J. Dawson Supply Co., 620 Pine street, told a Post-Dispatch reporter today that he had been notified that he could not get any more seasoned willow for several weeks. He said a contract for the making of 150 legs a month had been offered him, and that he had been obliged to withhold acceptance because of this lack of material.

Experiments are being made, he said, in artificial methods of seasoning the willow. The old method was to season the wood by air drying for a year. If it is found that the seasoning can be done in a few days by artificial heat and electrically stimulated breezes, the business can be resumed on as large a scale as the demand.

## CARD PLAYING IS PROHIBITED ON THE GOOD SHIP OSCAR II

Attempt at Curfew Regulation Fails—Espionage System on Ford Peace Ship.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"The executive committee of Ford's peace party has prohibited card playing on board," says a wireless dispatch from Kirkwall to the Daily Express, "but the attempt to establish a curfew regulation led to such vigorous protests that it had to be abandoned."

## WHISKY INJURES EYESIGHT, MAN GETS \$7500 DAMAGES

Was Partly Blind After Drinking Brand Said to Have Been Distilled With Wood Alcohol.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—For the almost total loss of his sight Henry P. Eysink was awarded \$7500 by a jury today against Lee Sonneborn, a jobber in whiskey, and Vincent Flacciano, a saloon keeper.

Eysink, who sued for \$30,000, became partly blind after drinking whisky he said, in Flacciano's saloon. He said he could not see anything directly in front of him and that at angles he could discern objects only indistinctly. The liquor, it was claimed, had been mixed with wood alcohol.

## The Success of Our Advertisers

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## BOY, 8 YEARS OLD, IS KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC TRUCK

Body of Elmer Jensen Lies Four Hours in Morgue Unidentified.

## CHILD'S NECK IS BROKEN

Driver Arrested Says Boy Dashed Suddenly in Path of the Machine.

Elmer Jensen, 8-year-old son of Henry Jensen of 223 South Tenth street, a foreman at the American Car & Foundry plant, was killed by an electric truck driven by Albert Conway of 1111 McGilky street at 8:30 a. m. today at Seventh and St. Charles streets.

The boy's neck was broken. The body was taken to the morgue, where it was unidentified four hours. Policemen canvassed the neighborhood and found that Jensen's son was the only one unaccounted for. Not wishing to alarm the mother, the police notified the father.

When he identified the body he said: "Did they get him?" meaning the driver of the truck. He was told yes. Jensen had the body removed to an undertaking establishment.

Conway was arrested, and released on \$1000 bond signed by John Strobel, a grocer, of 2233 South Broadway, his father-in-law, and approved by Judge Clark. Conway was in the employ of Strobel. He told policemen the boy suddenly dashed from the sidewalk and ran into the truck. He was driving south on the west side of Seventh street.

Mr. Annie Jensen, the mother, said Elmer left home at 8 o'clock to play his usual Saturday morning visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Jensen of 216 Dismarck street. The Jensens have two other children, Irene, 6 years old, and Mildred, 17 months old.

## PRESIDENT SHOWS CLEMENCY ON THE DAY OF HIS WEDDING

Pardons One, Commutes Sentences of Two Others; Signs Orders Giving Federal Jobs to Women.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President celebrated his wedding day by extending executive clemency to three convicted felons.

He commuted the sentences of D. L. Dillingham, convicted in Georgia for operating an illicit distillery, and William H. Hood, under conviction of robbery in Alabama.

The President also made several appointments. He signed an executive order permitting the appointment of Mrs. Virginia Campbell, a grand niece of Thomas Jefferson, to a Federal position without civil service examination; reinstated William S. Phelps, who had been removed as an examiner in the New York customs house on what the President considered insufficient evidence, and ordered the appointment of Harriet M. Sweet to a job in the Treasury.

## SAN FRANCISCO EXPORTS GAIN

Total for 11 Months, \$74,229,421, Increase of \$16,546,112.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Exports from San Francisco for the eleven months ended Nov. 30, reached \$74,229,421, an increase of \$16,546,112 over the corresponding period of last year, according to figures made public here today by customs officials.

November, 1915, showed a decrease in exports of \$1,006,671 compared with the same month of 1914. This decrease was attributed to the closing of the Panama Canal. Europe was San Francisco's best customer.

## CHOUTEAU'S AUTO AND 'CHANGE SEAT MAY BE ATTACHED

Creditors Find Only Ford Car and Certificate Upon Which to File Claims.

## HOW HE RAN HIS OFFICE

Broker Had Countersign Knock for Those He Cared to Admit, Arkansas Man Says.

Developments today in the attachment suits brought against Henri Chouteau, the young broker and promoter, who left St. Louis Dec. 6, showed that subpenas had been served upon H. Chouteau Dyer of 29 Lennox place, who appeared as counsel for Chouteau in some recent suits, and upon John F. Betts, a member of the Stock Exchange, requiring that they make positions before a notary public as to their knowledge of Chouteau's affairs.

The subpena given Dyer was served upon him yesterday as he was entering a Ford runabout that had been standing in front of the Mechanics-American Bank. Dyer told a Post-Dispatch reporter that Henri Chouteau had called upon him on Dec. 3 and asked him if he would buy the car. Chouteau said he had owned the car for two years and agreed to accept \$200 for the auto in case he did not obtain a loan upon the car.

Dyer said upon the morning of Dec. 6, when Chouteau left St. Louis, he found the car standing in front of his residence. He said he understood by this that Chouteau had delivered the car according to agreement and that he intended to use it at his country place in Jefferson County.

The subpena served upon Dyer is intended to force a proof of the ownership of the auto so that it may be attached in case it is found that the car is the property of Chouteau. An attachment against the car, as Chouteau's property, is already on file.

Betts said today that he had talked with members of the Stock Exchange regarding the filing of a claim against the \$700 Chouteau received for the sale of his seat to Lorenzo E. Anderson. It is the rule of the Stock Exchange that a member shall have a prior claim to other creditors against any outside person. Betts said that he had not decided yet whether or not to file a claim. He would not say to what extent Chouteau is indebted to him to make such a claim necessary.

## Letter From Chouteau.

The only public statement that has come from Chouteau was the following letter he sent from Anniston, Ala., to the Globe-Democrat, which was published in its issue of Dec. 17.

"Your paper of Sunday, Dec. 12, has just come to my attention. I do not see how you came to the conclusion the article implies. My interest in public utilities has always caused me to be away a great deal of my time.

"I regret that my transactions with Mr. Wm. C. Milford did not turn out profitable. The \$5000 was secured by a contract limiting my liability to the value of collateral deposited.

"The contract is that to which the Stock Exchange took exception. The collateral and bonds in companies of which Mr. Wm. Milford was a director and thoroughly familiar—his brother, Thomas Milford, having gone to Arkansas and Texas to look them over.

"I have lost heavily since the war started, but expect to recuperate in these better times we are experiencing.

"Will return to St. Louis as soon as I finish my business here, so will appreciate your publishing this statement. Yours, very truly,

"HENRI CHOUTEAU."

"General Delivery, Anniston, Ala."

Countersign for Callers.  
An amusing story concerning Chouteau was related to a Post-Dispatch correspondent today at Pine Luff, Ark., by A. Brewster, a director of the \$500,000 Seven Cities Company, which Chouteau promoted and of which he was president until recently, when Brewster family foreclosed on his \$50,000 note.

Brewster said he was in St. Louis recently and noticed that Chouteau's expensive suite of three offices had dwindled to one room.

"Busted?" Brewster asked.

"No, but badly bent," Brewster said Chouteau replied.

## Young Promoter Whose Bubble of High Finance Has Burst



HENRI CHOUTEAU.

## GUESTS GATHERING FOR PRESIDENT'S WEDDING TONIGHT

Hour Is Kept Secret, but Executive Will Dine With His Family First.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Everything is ready today for the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt. Guests have arrived and decorations in Mrs. Galt's home, in which the ceremony will be performed tonight, have been completed. The hour has been set for the wedding at 8 o'clock.

## President Is Godfather.

The President was godfather and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the baby's aunt, and Miss Helen Woodrow Buns, cousin of the President, were godmothers. The Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church here, christened the baby, who was born last May. The President's other grandchild, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, was christened at Williamstown, Mass. The President acted as his godfather, too.

The President paid an early morning visit today on Mrs. Galt. After a brief visit he went to his bank, where he spent half an hour looking through his safe deposit box and going over some accounts. He spent much of his time working on the new note to Austria on the Ancona.

One room at Mrs. Galt's home was reserved for wedding presents. Many gifts have been received from strangers, in spite of the efforts of the President and Mrs. Galt to discourage giving of presents from those outside of the circle of friends and relatives. Gifts continued to arrive at the White House today. One was a small case of cotton sent by a Texas admirer of the President.

Will Dine With Family.  
The President planned to devote the afternoon to clearing up much official business. He will dine with members of his family at the White House about 5 p. m. and leave soon afterward for Mrs. Galt's home for the wedding ceremony.

Arrangements for guarding the Galt house during the ceremony included a diversion of all traffic from the street and a heavy guard of policemen and secret service agents about the premises.

Although details of the wedding trip had not been disclosed, it became known that the couple will depart for the South shortly after the ceremony. The Rev. Smith is to perform the wedding ceremony.

## CHANNEL OPENED THROUGH SLIDE IN GAILLARD CUT

PANAMA, Dec. 18.—The channel was opened yesterday through the slide at the Gaillard Cut, the first time since the Panama Canal was closed to traffic last September. It is stated on good authority that Canal tug and dredges will be able to pass through the slide region about Jan. 1. The dry season has begun, greatly benefitting conditions. Engineers employed in opening the channel are not willing to state when the canal will be opened to traffic.

## KITCHENER DENIES HE IS TO WED LORD MINTO'S WIDOW

LONDON, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced by the private secretary to Earl Kitchener, British Secretary of War, that the report of the engagement of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto is untrue.

Cable Messages Come by Train.  
PARIS, Dec. 18.—The French cable company announced last night that its land wires were down between Paris and Lyons and that it was, therefore, necessary that all cable messages must be forwarded to the coast by train.

## AUSTRIA SAYS SHE IS BLAMELESS EVEN UNDER U. S. VERSION OF FACTS

Official Text of Reply Made Public as President Starts Work on the Second Note to Vienna.

## GOOD RELATIONS DEPEND ON PROMPT ACQUIESCENCE

Communication, Which Will Go Forward to Vienna Early Next Week, Will State Clearly Alternative That Will Follow Refusal to Meet American Demands.

## By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—While the State Department today was making public the official text of the Austrian reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, President Wilson was at work on the outline of a rejoinder which will go forward to Vienna next week.

The official text contains this important paragraph: "As it is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts, and even if this presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal Government."

It was agreed seemingly in official quarters that the official text did not minimize a realization of the gravity of the situation which was impressed on officials by the unofficial cables, but it also was apparent that the door to further negotiations was not closed.

Reserve Full Freedom.  
The Austrian reply also states that the Austro-Hungarian Government is unable to determine what the United States intended to indicate when it mentioned the attitude which Germany had assumed toward submarine warfare. It adds that if the United States intended "to express an opinion to the effect that a 'prejudice of whatever nature existed,' with respect to 'judicial consideration' of the affair, the Vienna Government declares that it reserves to itself 'full freedom of maintaining its own legal view.'"

Except for slight variation in translation, the remainder of the official text virtually is identical with the unofficial version cabled from London.

The State Department also made public an official text of the Austrian Admiralty's statement, previously published, which admitted that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship had come to a stop and while passengers still were aboard. It was upon this official admission of the Austrian Admiralty itself that a principal portion of the American note was based.

Friendly relations between the United States and Austria, it was said authoritatively, are nearing the breaking point and their continuance will depend entirely upon the reply Austria will be asked to make immediately to the note being framed today.

The note will request prompt acquiescence in the original demands of the United States, all of which Secretary Lansing announced Austria failed to meet.

While the word "ultimatum" was not used by officials in discussing the note, it was indicated that the reply will state clearly the alternative which will follow if Austria's reply is unsatisfactory.

The gravity of the situation will not, however, cause President Wilson to postpone his departure tonight for the South on his wedding tour.

Secretary Lansing sent to the White House early today a memorandum outlining his views as to what the second American note should contain. The President immediately began work on drafting the note and will confer with Secretary Lansing later. The note will go to Vienna within the next few days.

To Keep in Touch With Lansing.  
President Wilson while on his wedding tour will keep in constant touch with the White House, and, if necessary, Secretary Lansing will go to see him in the case of the situation.

From an authoritative Teutonic source came the information that the Vienna Government has no desire of being the cause of a break of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria. It was said that if the second note left an avenue for it, the Foreign Office probably would see it to agree to all the demands made by the United States.

## Text of Austrian Reply Denying Blame Even Under U. S. Version

The official text of Austria's reply. "American Embassy, Vienna, Dec. 18, 1915.

"Secretary of State, Washington: Following note received from Minister for Foreign Affairs, noon today:

"In reply to the much esteemed note number 418, which His Excellency, Mr. Fredrick Courtland Penfield, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States of America, directed to him in the name of the American Government under date of the 9th instant in the matter of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, the undersigned, preliminary to a thorough, meritorious treatment of the demand has the honor to observe that the sharpness with which the Government of the United States considers it necessary to blame the commanding officer of the submarine, concerned in the affair and the firmness in which the demands addressed to the Imperial and Royal Government appear to be expressed might well have warranted the expectation that the Government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of the affair upon which it bases its case.

"As it is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts and even if this presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the Imperial and Royal Government.

"The Government of the United States has also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credit than to the commander of the Imperial and royal fleet. The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names, and more precise fate of the American citizens who were on board of the said steamer at the critical moment.

"However, in view of the fact that the Washington Cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the Imperial and Royal Government is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views in the affair, with the Government of the United States.

"It must, however, in the first place, raise the question why that Government failed to give judicial reasons for the demands set forth in its note, with reference to the special circumstances of the unfortunate events upon which it itself lays stress, and why in lieu thereof it resorted to an exchange of correspondence which it has conducted with another Government in other cases.

"The Imperial and Royal Government is the less able to follow the







## BANK CLERK HELD WITH THREE MEN IN CANAL PLOT

National City Employee Accused of Stealing Messages About Manufacture and Shipment of Munitions and Giving Them to German Representative.

2 CANAL SUSPECTS GIVE \$80,000 BOND

Hamburg-American Officials Are Said to Have Tried to Get Third, Who Made Important Admissions, Out of Custody.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Paul Koenig, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, a New York art retailer, were held in \$80,000 and \$20,000 bail, respectively, today by United States Commissioner Houghton on a charge of conspiring to blow up the Welland Canal. The hearing was set for Jan. 12.

Counsel for Koenig and Leyendecker fought hard for a reduction of the bail asked by the Government. In insisting on the higher bond, Assistant United States Attorney Wood, said:

"The amount is not too large. The people back of these men can put up any amount of money that is needed." Commissioner Houghton said: "I do not regard the amount of bail asked by the District Attorney as excessive. Countries are at each other's throats and we are trying our best to be neutral. The Government is spending a great deal of money to prevent just such actions as are complained of here. If there should leave the country, the forfeiture of the bail might prevent other men coming here to foment plots."

The specific offense charged against Koenig and Leyendecker is conspiring to send a military expedition from this country against a friendly nation. The penalty on conviction is three years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5000.

**Koenig's Stenographer Held.** Frederick Metzler, employed by the Hamburg-American line, and said to have acted as stenographer for Koenig, who was also arrested with Koenig and Leyendecker, will be arraigned Monday. Federal authorities stated this afternoon that Metzler had made a statement in which he gave important information in connection with the Welland Canal plot. It was learned at the Federal Building that agents of the Hamburg-American line had made several unsuccessful attempts to have Metzler released on bail.

Assistant United States Attorney Sarfaty said that information in possession of the Government made it almost certain that numerous additional arrests will be made throughout the country in the next few days. All of these, he said, will be in connection with the Welland Canal plot.

Another arrest, made today, was that of Frederick S. Schleindt, a clerk in the National City Bank who is accused of stealing documents, cablegrams and other messages and turning them over to representatives of the German Government. It is declared that information had to do with ships bearing ammunition across the seas.

Schleindt, detectives said, confessed having obtained information regarding shipments of munitions and other matters, saying that he did this at the direction of Paul Koenig, head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Hamburg-American line, who was arrested yesterday on the charge of plotting to destroy the Welland Canal.

**Evidence in Prisoner's Pockets.** Detectives said they found in Schleindt's pockets a telegram relating to a shipment of 2,000,000 rifles to the allies. The message was from the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger to a New York bank.

Schleindt is also alleged to have given information to the German representatives as to what firms were manufacturing war supplies in this country and also the amounts of money placed in certain banks to the credit of the allies.

Schleindt told of meeting Koenig who, he said, used an alias, that May, according to detectives, had been having contact in touch with the German Consul here since the opening of the war. The prisoner, who said he was a German representative, declared that when he met Koenig at an up-town hotel arrangements were made for him to obtain cablegrams and other documents at the National City Bank. For this work Schleindt told the police he has been receiving about \$5 a week.

Police asserted today that they found among Koenig's effect papers indicating that he had had relations with Schleindt.

The arrests of Schleindt, Koenig, Richard Emil Leyendecker and Frederick Metzler were directly due to a confession made several weeks ago by George Fuchs of New York, a relative of Koenig, with whom he quarreled concerning an account of \$15.

The arrests in the canal case were made under the direction of William M. Coffey, head of the agents of the Department of Justice in New York; and A. Bruce Mitchell, head of the special investigation of the department. The complaint made by Coffey alleged that Koenig and Leyendecker left New York Sept. 27 for Buffalo over the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Later they went to

## Wife Who Alleges in Suit Rich American Hates His Native Land



MRS. A. J. DREXEL

Niagara Falls. The precise details of the alleged plot were withheld by the Federal authorities, but it is understood that Koenig and Leyendecker had employed spies who went out from Buffalo and Niagara Falls to photograph the canal, prepare plans and make arrangements for blowing up the waterway at its most important point and that nitroglycerin was to be used as the explosive.

Koenig and Leyendecker were in Buffalo about four days, according to the authorities and returned to New York with the execution of the alleged plot left in the hands of their agents. So far as is known by the Department of Justice, they had not abandoned the carrying out of the plot when the arrests took place.

The Welland canal connects Lakes Erie and Ontario, extending a distance of 27 miles from Port Colborne to Port Huron. It is the route which vessels take from Chicago and other great lakes ports to reach the St. Lawrence River. Grain shipments from these ports are thus transported to Europe. Had the canal been destroyed, it would have compelled the shipments to be carried to the Atlantic Coast by rail before they could have been loaded on vessels.

The canal has been constantly patrolled by Canadian soldiers since the war broke out.

**Watched for a Year.** The three defendants, it was learned today, have been under surveillance for a year.

The names of workers in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Boston and other cities are said to have been "volunteered" among documents seized by the authorities in a raid upon the offices of Koenig and Leyendecker. Maps and diagrams, which were among the things found in Koenig's office and at his home, show that considerable time had been given to preparations for the use of explosives.

It is not charged by the Government that Koenig and Leyendecker planned to do the actual work of blowing up the Welland Canal, for Koenig, at least, is regarded as too powerful a directive genius to have acted except through agents.

Koenig, as alleged, is a man of many aliases, and in assuming other names for working purposes he assumed other nationalities. According to the complaint made by Coffey, Koenig was known variously as Wegenkamp, Wegener, Kelly, Winter, Perkins, Stenier, Koenig, Bohrer, Kennel, James, Smith, Murphy and W. T. Munday.

Leyendecker, of whom little is known by the authorities, occasionally, it is alleged, disguised himself as C. D. Decker and R. Decker. He claims to be an American citizen. Koenig took out his first papers 10 years ago, but never applied for full citizenship.

The penalty for the crime charged in this case is three years in prison or \$5000 fine or both. Koenig came into prominence last June when the affidavit of Gustave Stahl averring that he had seen cannon on board the steamship Lusitania before she sailed for her fatal voyage was submitted to the State Department. It was Koenig who notified Government officials that Stahl could be found at Albany.

**Boys, Range and Furnace Repaired.** A. G. Bauer Supply Co., 218 N. 2d st.

**English Celtic Scholar Dies.** OXFORD, England, Dec. 18.—Sir John Rhys, 82, died last night. He was appointed professor of Celtic at Oxford University in 1877 and master of Jesus College in 1880. He was knighted in 1907.

**Woman Doctor 100 Years Old.** BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Catherine Faulkner of San Jose celebrated her centenary today. She had distinction of being first woman physician in Illinois practicing in the homeopathic school for 40 years.

**Christmas Cards Free.** Buy it and eat it for no bread can beat it. McKinney's 10c Butter-Nut Bread. Wrapped with each loaf is a package of Xmas cards. (No advertising.)

**Storing Silver Berlin Powder.** Basins, 1144. Palace, 216 Washington.

## M. VAN RAALTE SHOT BY ROBBERS WHEN HE RUNS

Jewelry and Loan Company Manager Escapes With Property—Seriously Wounded.

Morris Van Raalte, 63 years old, of 341 West Pine boulevard, a department manager at the S. Van Raalte Jewelry and Loan Co., 419 North Seventh street, was shot at 4:20 last night in an alley near his home by one of two highwaymen who fired when Van Raalte, refusing to heed their commands to hold up his hands, started running toward his home. The bullet passed through the flesh of his right shoulder.

Van Raalte left a Laciedo car at a private walk at 4215 Laciedo avenue. This walk leads directly to his home. At the crossing of an alley between Laciedo avenue and West Pine boulevard, two men with revolvers stepped from a shadow of a fence and commanded Van Raalte to throw up his hands. Van Raalte started running. Three shots were fired, but only one of them struck him. Physicians who attended him said the injury might prove serious because of his age.

Van Raalte had a diamond stud, a diamond ring and a watch, which he said he valued at \$300, and \$2 in money. He said the robbers were from 25 to 30 years of age, wore black overcoats and black soft hats, but did not wear masks.

**Kicks Hobber and Escapes.** Walter E. Hanson of 218 Mulholland street, was stopped by two men on Cass avenue near Garrison avenue at 9:30 o'clock last night. They demanded his money. He kicked one of them in the stomach and ran. They did not follow him.

**Plate Dinners.** 20c at the Boston, 11 N. Broadway, that means a full meal, from 11 to 2.20c. Sunday Chicken Dinner, 25c.

**Italian Ministry Upheld.** ROME, Dec. 18.—A resolution of confidence in the ministry was adopted unanimously by the Senate today.

**Boys.** "Kick in" at Lott's Bros. & Co., and buy your Christmas gifts on easy credit. Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, Clocks, Novelties, etc. Second floor, 308 N. 3d st. Open evenings.

**Boy Shot in Left Ankle.** Cecil Ryan, 15 years old, of 2709 Blair avenue, was shot in the left ankle yesterday afternoon by Clarence Duncan, 10 years old, of 310 Blair avenue, while the boys were shooting at bottles in the basement of the Duncan home.

**Buy Bee Candles for Christmas.** The sweetest story ever told. Fancy Bees, Bags or baskets filled with Bee Candles make appropriate Christmas Gifts. Don't overlook our Christmas Special, three pounds, \$1.00 box.

**Another Standard Oil Heist.** NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Standard Oil Co. of New York today announced an advance of one cent a gallon in all grades and packages of gasoline for export.

**Six Killed When Train Hits Bus.** BERTOLDO, N. D., Dec. 18.—Five school boys and a man were killed and another boy seriously fatally injured when a Great Northern passenger train struck a bus loaded with school children at a railroad crossing during a heavy fog near here last yesterday.

**Fancy gold fish and aquariums for Christmas gifts.** St. Louis Seed Co., 411 Washington avenue.

## DREXEL ESPISES HIS NATIVE LAND AND ITS CITIZENS

Wife and Children, in Divorce Testimony Charge That He Has So Stated.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch and the New York World. LONDON, Dec. 18.—America is a rotten place, a rotten hole, no place for a gentleman to live in, and the people are rotten.

That is the way Anthony Joseph Drexel, once of Philadelphia, described his native country to his wife's sister, Mrs. Anne de St. Cyr (formerly Mrs. James Henry Smith and previously Mrs. William Rhinelander, according to her affidavit filed in the Chancery Court here. It was produced in opposition to Mr. Drexel's motion denying the jurisdiction of an English court to which his wife had applied to compel him to resume monthly payment of \$50,000 a year alimony under their deed of separation, disregarded since last August in anticipation, it is alleged, of institution of divorce proceedings in Paris, where he claims residence now.

He also intimates that he shall acquire French citizenship, although, according to Mrs. de St. Cyr's testimony, he said to her: "I love English and English standards." Other depositions submitted to the Court quote him as similarly expressing hatred of America and her people.

His own idea of his cosmopolitan status he recorded in a deposition thus: "By birth, I am an American citizen. I have never been naturalized in Great Britain. I have been for a good many years a resident in London, but I have had for some years and still have a residence in Paris and another in Venice. I have never intended to acquire any other nationality, but I have, in fact, acquired an English domicile."

**What Mrs. Drexel Says.** Mrs. Drexel deposed: "In the summer of 1899 my husband told me he had made up his mind to live in England and not return to America; he has gone on an average once a year to America on business connected with his father's will. He was always very angry with me to go and very glad to get back. Since 1899 he has repeatedly and habitually stated to me that it was impossible to live in America; that England was the only place fit to live in and that he insisted on permanently living there. In 1907 I suggested to Mr. Drexel that he should go back and live in America, but he absolutely refused, saying: "Nothing will make me live in that rotten country."

Viscountess Maitland, the daughter, in her affidavit asserted: "My father habitually stated to me that America was no place to live in and that he disliked the people particularly. He said England was the only place to live in. This was a common saying of his. He said he would never think of living in America."

Anthony J. Drexel Jr., a member of the New York stock exchange and the eldest son of A. J. Drexel, deposed: "I was born in America. When I was between nine and 10 years old my mother and father came over to England with the family. . . . In 1910 I married my present wife, Miss Gould, of New York. I then settled in New York. . . . Before I went to America I, of course, had numerous opportunities of associating with my father and he has frequently stated to me that England was the only place to live in. He said that America was a horrible place to live in. I then settled in New York. . . . Before I went to America I, of course, had numerous opportunities of associating with my father and he has frequently stated to me that England was the only place to live in. He said that America was a horrible place to live in. I then settled in New York. . . . 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## ZACH'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SHOWS ORCHESTRA AT BEST

New German Pianist Heard—Women's Chorus Assists in "Divina Commedia."

FROM time to time there comes a performance by the Symphonic Orchestra so surpassingly artistic as to bring home with new conviction the fact that in Max Zach St. Louis possesses one of the most eminent of conductors, and in the musicians he has trained, one of the first-class orchestras of the United States. Such was yesterday's program, to be repeated tonight, which is by way of a bounteous Christmas offering to the Friday and Saturday audiences, there being no other regular concerts scheduled until the pair of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

The occasion served to bring forward an astonishing new pianist, Heinrich Gebhard, a German virtuoso, never heard in this city before, and in addition Franz List's sublime Symphony to Dante's "Divina Commedia," produced here for the first time, which summoned to the orchestra's assistance the novel reinforcement of a women's chorus, supplied by members of the Morning Choral Club. The program was further distinguished by the orchestra's playing of the devotional and exalted Pastoral from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," and by a performance of Beethoven's Third "Leonora" overture, which will easily rank first in the memory among the scores of hearings which this beautiful composition has received from almost every music lover.

It was a stupendous task which List, the father of program music, set himself when he undertook to translate into music the hell, purgatory and paradise of Dante's epic. None but a hero in courage would have ventured upon the enterprise, and none but a giant among composers could have carried it to a triumphant conclusion.

Chorus of Treasures. With a clangor of trombones, proclaiming the appalling motto, "All hope abandon, ye who enter here!" the jarring gates of hell grate asunder, and the music unfolds before the senses those dolorous realms:

"Where sighs, with lamentations and loud wails, Resounded through the air pierced by no star, That o'er I wail at entering. Various torments, horrible languages, utterances of woe, Screeches of pain, voices deep and hoarse, With hands together smote that swell'd the sound. Made up a tumult, that forever whirls Round through that air with solid darkness filled. Like to the sand that in the whirlwind flies."

But soon, above the sob and yell of the damned, soars a note, infinitely mournful and piercingly beautiful. It heralds the approach of Paolo and Francesca, those hapless lovers of olden times, who come drifting down the infernal hurricane like leaves driven in the blast. They pause and sing of their tragedy in one of the most poignant episodes in instrumental narration; how they were alone, with no suspicion near, reading "of Lancelot, how love him thrall'd," how their lips met trembling, and then "that day we read no more."

Reverberates to Outcries. With a last heartbroken sigh of sound, the lovers pass, and again the cavernous vaults of hell reverberate to the outcries of those forever accursed. Down and down the music descends, through spheres more and more infernal, until, with a bedlam of shrieks and maledictions, it reaches the nethermost circle of torture, of rage, of despair, irremediable and eternal.

Then, at the beginning of the symphony's second movement, the horrors are borne into the sunshine and begin ascending the slopes of Purgatorial Mountain. Here there is no anguish, but only the pensive melancholy of those sorrowing over the good deeds they left undone while on earth. And at the top of the mountain is Beatrice, waiting to lead them into Paradise, where is granted a vision of the Deity and a comprehension of all mysteries. It is here that List's imagination transcends the limitations of instrumental music, as did Beethoven's before him in the Ninth Symphony, and he smiles words and human voice in a "Magnificat" celebrating the joys of the blessed.

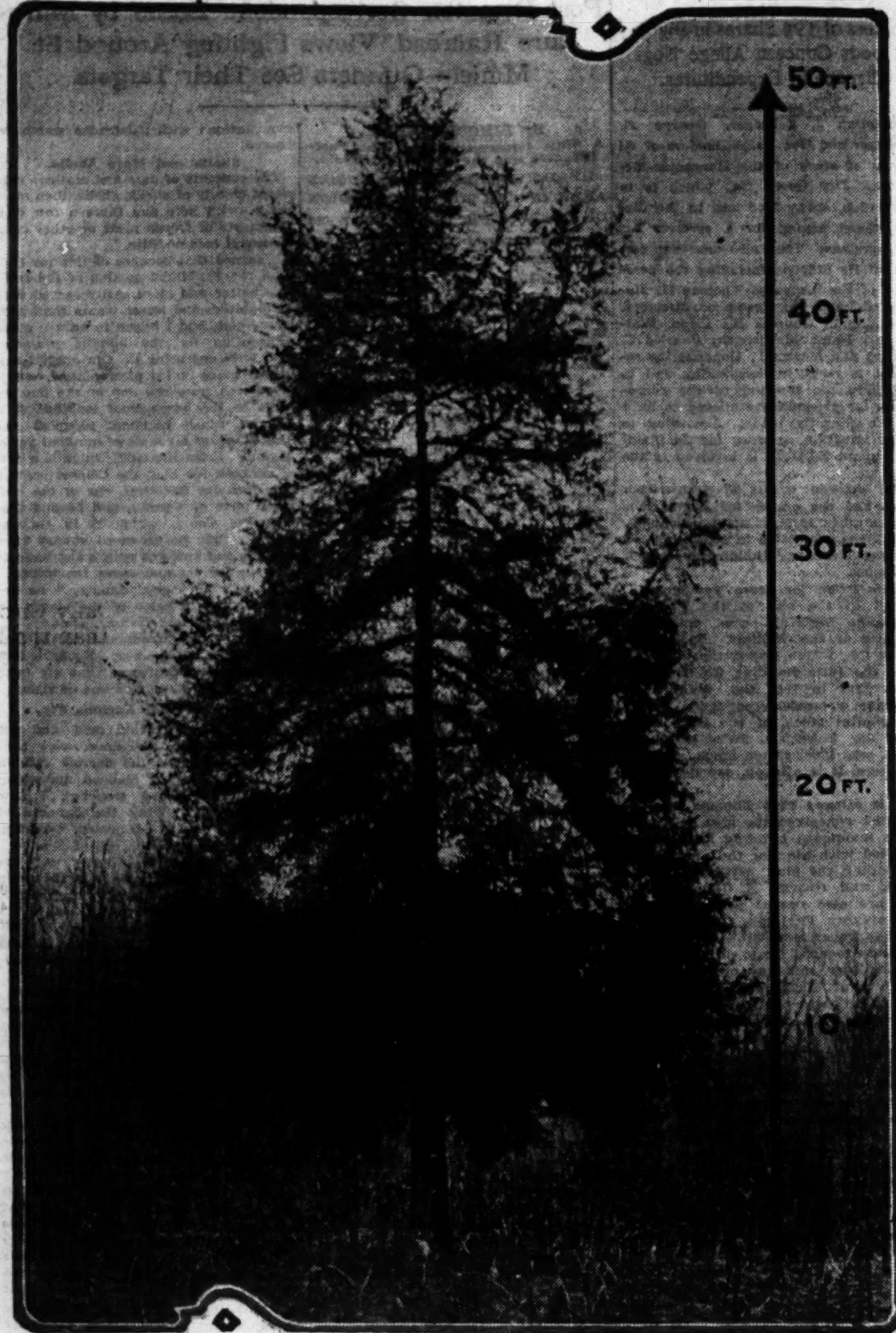
The orchestra's interpretation of this vast work, under the leadership of Director Zach, was a truly monumental event, such as could occur today in few other American cities. The symphony makes immense requirements upon the musicians, but they were met with precision of technique, a unanimity of expression, which amounted to a triumph of artistry. But more than that, it is performance was notable for the intensity and vividness with which director and players were able to convey every meaning of the symphony.

Officers Share Contrast. Unfortunately, the effect was impaired at the very climax of the work by the failure of the Morning Choral Club to achieve that overpowering impression which the composer intended by superimposing voices upon his instrumentation. Whether because of lack of adequate rehearsal, or nervousness, or some other reason, the vocal score lagged, and was far from creating the soaring exaltation expected in a "Magnificat."

Gebhard's offering, Saint-Saens' "Piano Concerto," No. 2, in G-minor, offered as sharp a contrast as could well be conceived to the colossal proportions of the symphony. Exquisitely tuneful and always interesting, Saint-Saens' composition does not pretend to depth or height. It is purely ratiocinatory, but it is that luminous, polished and graceful piece which only the French have achieved. Gebhard played the music with a finesse and elegance of touch, a clarity of phrasing, a perfect clarity of mood, which would have done credit to the clearest habits of a Paris salon. The audience was especially delighted for its willingness and for the adroit resources which continuously flashed between the artist and the orchestra.

## Giant Christmas Tree Is Cut in the Ozarks for Post-Dispatch Festival at Coliseum

St. Louisans Encounter Fields of Mud in Trip to Grove



16 Mules Required to Haul 50-Foot Tree 11-2 Miles to Railroad Station at Catawissa —Moving Picture Taken at Senex.

THE men who went to Catawissa, Mo., in the Ozarks Thursday to get the Christmas tree to be set up in the Coliseum for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association got a taste of the hardships in the trenches on the battle fronts in Europe. They encountered a soaked and adhesive slush, and the tree was cut down in the forest. The work of cutting the evergreen tree and arranging for its transportation to St. Louis was accomplished. It is due to arrive here not later than Monday morning.

The party left St. Louis at 9 a. m. on the Frisco. It was headed by Stephen A. Martin, chairman of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association committee on tree and decorations, and E. D. Anderson, advertising manager of the Bell Telephone Co. Others were Frank Wymah, H. J. Bube, N. A. Cuniff, Otto F. Karbe and W. E. Taylor, all members of the festival association executive committee; J. C. Whitsett of the Simmons Hardware Co., F. O. Ludlow, district manager of the telephone company, W. A. Johnson, a staff photographer for the Post-Dispatch, and also a photographer for the St. Louis Industrial Picture Co., who went to the scene to cover in movies the event of felling the tree and following it along its journey.

Party Greeted at Station. The party was greeted at Catawissa by a large delegation of citizens headed by Jacob Fisher, who frequently takes the part of Santa Claus in entertainments. Other residents who joined in extending hospitality to the visitors were: Ben Scheve Jr., John McGuire, H. F. Freis, W. A. Rucker, D. I. Brennan, Frank Wallach, Emil Wallach, James Sweeney, Michael Connolly.

The party went in autos from the station to the farm of Stephen P. Downey, where the tree was to be cut. Downey informed the party that the cedar grove was something more than a mile away and that the distance could only be covered afoot. Then the trouble began.

First the tramp was over a stony road, then through a cornfield, and then through a cornfield. Here black gumbo was encountered. Members of the party who had gone to the scene wearing rubbers came away without them unless they took the precaution, after losing them in the mud several times, to put on their shoes. Some of them, of extra height, but it became necessary to fasten them to the leg with wire which the representatives of the telephone company provided.

The tree is the largest that has ever been brought to St. Louis for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association. It is more than 50 feet high, with a spread of 25 feet and circumference at the butt of 70 inches. It was originally expected to be cut from the tree from the farm of Mr. Whitsett, he having tendered it, as in former years, but as his grove was two miles farther from the railroad than the tract of Mr. Downey, it was deemed wise to select the tree from the latter tract to make the problem of hauling less difficult. As it is the telephone company, which is again bringing the tree to St. Louis, will have a hard job. In order to keep it from the mud when being hauled over the clover and corn fields to the railways yards at Catawissa, about one and a half miles, the company's men will "use"

in its branches. In weight, too, there is difficulty, for the tree weighs nearly 10,000 pounds. It is expected it will take 16 mules to haul the truck.

The selection of the tree was made by J. C. Cleland, supervisor of yard supplies for the Bell Telephone Co., who has, because of his long service in that line, become known as "the tree scout" for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Association. This is the eighth year in which he has performed that service, and he is more than pleased with his find for the approaching event.

Movie Theater Show Slides to Help Post-Dispatch Festival. Slides commending the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival through illustrations and explanatory statements are being shown on screens of the following moving picture and vaudeville theaters: New Grand Central, Grand and Lucas avenues. LeBeaume, 135 North Ninth street. Easton-Taylor, 462 Easton avenue. Elite, Eighteenth street and Park avenue. Jugo, 235 Cass avenue. Central, Sixth and Market streets. Echo, 248 Emerson avenue. Eighteenth Street, 1300 South Eighteenth street. The Union, Union and Easton avenue. Knickerbocker, 214 Park avenue.

## Tickets for Dance on Sale at Stores

N your Christmas shopping buy a ticket to the popular elimination dance contest at Dreamland Tuesday evening, in which everyone may try for the two prizes of \$20 each and the title to dancing leadership in the city. The price is only 50 cents, and the proceeds go toward providing Christmas good cheer to the destitute men, women and children of St. Louis.

Tickets are on sale at the Grand Leader, Famous and Barr Co., Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, and B. Nugent & Bros.

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BILL: Don't be hard up at Christmas; buy all your presents at Lott's Bros. & Co., 5th St. Their easy credit terms double the buying power of your money.

## MT. AETNA IS ACTIVE AGAIN

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 18.—Mount Etna is active again and is emitting red-hot lava which, streaming along the sides of the mountain and melting the snow, produces a wonderful effect, especially at night. In addition, glowing cinders and smoke form an umbrella-shaped cloud above the volcano.

## PERKINS ASSAILS PRESIDENT FOR MEXICAN POLICY

Writes to Him That Actions There Have Minimized American Influence in European Capitals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following letter which George W. Perkins, chairman of the Progressive party's executive committee, sent to President Wilson under date of Dec. 11, has been made public:

"My dear Mr. President: I am impressed with the following statement made by you in your speech at Columbus: 'The Mexicans may not know what to do with their Government, but that is none of our business, and so long as I have the power to prevent it, nobody shall "butt in" to alter it for them.' 'This statement seems to me to be in sharp contrast to your actions in Mexico, actions which have caused our country so much embarrassment and humiliation. When you refused to recognize Huerta, you certainly "buted in" in Mexico.

"I address you on the subject because I earnestly believe that in the manner in which you 'buted in' in Mexico is found the root of all the trouble and humiliation to which our country has been subjected, not only with Mexico, but other foreign countries as well.

"When you 'buted in' in Mexico you demanded that our flag be saluted. You sent our troops to Vera Cruz; you brought our dead away and left our honor behind; you abandoned your demand that our flag be saluted.

"These, with countless other incidents in Mexico, caused Germany and other nations to realize that our foreign policy was so ill-considered, so short-sighted, so impotent and pointless, that they had absolutely nothing to fear from us. And consequently they have treated us with scorn and impunity.

"The result is that our prestige today in every foreign capital is at a lower ebb than ever before reached. And I believe that very many Americans join me in the feeling that all this is directly traceable to the fact that at the beginning of the Mexican situation, you did not act as you now talk.

"As the contrast between your statement of yesterday and your action at the beginning of the Mexican situation is at such wide variance, it occurs to me that there may be some reason for it which you might at this time be willing to make known to the public. Respectfully yours,

"GEO. W. PERKINS."

If the President has replied to the letter the fact has not been announced.

## Xmas Cards and Seals Free

McKinney's 10c Butter-Nut Bread used when best is served. Also wrapped with each loaf are Christmas packages. (No advertising.)

## LABORER KILLED BY TRAIN

Mill Creek Sewer Employee Run Over While on Way to Work. William S. Jamison, a negro, 35 years old, of 212 Walnut street, employed on the Mill Creek sewer, was run over by an outgoing Missouri Pacific train at Spring avenue at 8 o'clock this morning, as he was on his way to work. His head and left arm were severed. The body was taken to the morgue.

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## GIRL TO TELL OF SEEING MEN TAKE BODY FROM CLUB

Will Be Principal Witness at Resumption of Inquest of "Red" Murphy's Death.

The inquest into the killing of John (Red) Murphy in a gang club at 1230 North Seventh street Wednesday night was resumed this morning with Miss Mary Andrews of 3511 North Ninth street and Miss Mary Prunowski of 1411 North Sixth street as the principal witnesses.

The Andrews girl last night told the police that she saw Miss Prunowski in the club Wednesday night and that she saw three men carry a man's body out of the club and through the alley in the rear. She said two of the men were James Meeks, generally known as James (Fat) Feeney, of 4211 North Market street, and James (Spot) Murphy of 205 St. Louis avenue.

They were arrested. They denied knowledge of the murder, or of how the body came to be in a vacant lot a half block from the club.

The Andrews girl said she was visiting at the home of James Barnes, which adjoins the club, and when she passed the door of the club about 11:30 Wednesday night saw Miss Prunowski in the room with Feeney, Red Murphy and another man. Several minutes later, she said, she heard several shots and saw Feeney, James Murphy and a third man she did not know carry a seemingly lifeless man out.

Miss Prunowski told the police she was not in the club after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Last night she was taken by Feeney's cell, and called to him: "Don't worry. I haven't enticed."

The police found 15 bullet holes in the walls of the club. In one corner they found a bent poker. "Red" Murphy, in addition to having been shot, had been struck across the forehead.

DICK, THE GIRL YOU LOVE is worth a weight in gold as a boy for a diamond ring for Christmas at Lott's Bros. & Co., 5th St. Open every evening until Xmas.

Munitions Plant to Enlarge. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 18.—A decision to erect additional buildings at a cost of \$350,000 was announced here today by the Traylor Engineering Co., makers of mine crushing machinery, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of munitions. The force of 1400 men will be increased to 1800.

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## VILLA OFFICERS THREATEN EL PASO WITH AN ATTACK

Resentful Over Plans of Carranzistas to Move Troops Through United States.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Reports of plans for transporting Carranza troops secretly through the United States to points adjacent to this city to be used in the proposed campaign for crushing Villa opposition in Northern Mexico have stirred apprehension in Juarez and in the Mexican colony here.

The first indication of the movement of Carranza troops for an invasion of Chihuahua was the arrival on Dec. 15 of a train of 19 cars of troops and equipment from Eagle Pass, Tex., routed to Nogales, Sonora, in bond. The Carranza Consulate professed surprise at the shipment. The train was delayed here from noon until late at night while officers in command were endeavoring to find Gen. Obregon at Hermosillo to get orders as to destination.

On their arrival at Nogales, private advice stated the train had been sent there by mistake instead of to Marfa, Tex., for an invasion of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, 200 miles east of here. Later it was discovered the Carranza

## Consul here had asked rates on transportation of troops from Nogales to Fabens and Fort Hancock, Tex., border points east of here. The Consul denied he had asked rates, but later a telegram was produced from military authorities at Fort Hancock asking information as to a reported invasion of Chihuahua there.

The Carranza Consul later admitted an invasion of Chihuahua through towns opposite Fabens and Hancock, had been planned.

Villa officials in Juarez expressed indignation at the United States, which they charged with permitting Carranza forces to use El Paso as a base for the proposed attack. They declared that if the plans are carried out an attack on El Paso from Juarez may be expected.

## Sold Gold Real Diamond La Vallieres

\$3.50. The Palace, 516 Washington.

## Four Negroes Killed in Storm

MEMPHIS, Miss., Dec. 18.—Four lives were lost and many persons injured in a windstorm that demolished scores of houses yesterday in East Mississippi and adjoining counties of Alabama. The only deaths were at Gila, Miss., where four negroes, two women and two children, were killed in the collapse of a dwelling house.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Arizona Trusts Wilson.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The Rev. Dr. Williamson pleads lack of information regarding conditions in Europe, but bases his criticism of the President solely on account of Mexican affairs. It must be admitted by even the Reverend Doctor that the people of Arizona have an excellent opportunity for knowing the best method of dealing with the Mexican situation.

They have expressed their confidence in President Wilson in the following resolution, published in the Congressional Record, which is signed by each member of the Senate of the State of Arizona:

Whereas there is at this time war and rumors of war affecting the civilized world; and

Whereas the United States of America is at peace with the world and all mankind; and

Whereas the course of our chief executive, President Woodrow Wilson, in handling the present international crisis meets our hearty approval; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Second Legislature of the State of Arizona, in special session assembled, hereby expresses its full faith and confidence in the wisdom, integrity and statesmanship of President Woodrow Wilson to successfully cope with international complications and maintain the honor and dignity of the nation, and we hereby pledge to him the loyal support of the people of the State of Arizona; be it further

Resolved, That an enrolled and engrossed copy of this resolution, bearing the signature of each member, be forwarded to the President, Vice President and Speaker of the House of Representatives—W. F. Sims, President of the Senate; John E. Bacon, Hugh E. Campbell, George H. Chase, Fred T. Colter, Francis W. Munda, Moss Drachman, Alfred Kinney, William M. Riggs, D. H. Claridge, Morris Goldwater, D. D. Crabb, Andrew P. Martin, Charles M. McMillin, O. S. Stapley, Sam F. Webb.

G. Z.

## The Dime Mountmann Fund.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I am inclosing herewith 10c toward the proposed campaign by the young women of St. Louis to help Marie Mountmann enjoy a Merry Christmas.

A YOUNG MOTHER.

This, with other contributions, has been forwarded to Mrs. Mountmann, for her daughter—Ed. Post-Dispatch.

## To Marie Mountmann Sympathizers.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

As one interested in the case of Miss Marie Mountmann, I ask the favor to be placed on a committee for the purpose of raising funds for her. It is certainly a most worthy cause and deserving of everyone's assistance.

I will keep donations and memoranda of all sent to me and then will furnish them to you to be published in your columns. If this plan is satisfactory to you, kindly inform me.

I will send my list with a donation of \$5 from Viola Loretta and Jeannette Wand, 5621 Chamberlain avenue.

Hoping to hear that this plan is satisfactory to you.

Contributions for the benefit of Marie Mountmann should be sent to Mrs. William Walker, Platters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Walker and a number of other ladies have formed a committee to further Marie Mountmann's welfare and in addition to the bridge and 500 party, which will probably net several hundred dollars, the committee is willing to undertake the care of a general fund for Marie Mountmann's benefit.—Editor Post-Dispatch.

## True Virility.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Next to this denunciation of war is the unendurable of sentiment that carnage is necessary, that it is inherent in man. That is so. But unenlightened people, but those in reason is not dead discard butchery and the virile activities of peaceful life in peace.

SIDNEY AVERILL.

Vigor, Mo.

## A Practical Suggestion.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I read with much interest the letters in this column regarding Miss Marie Mountmann, and I am sure that "One Who Is In Harassment" that some attention should be given. It will be pleased to cooperate with any interested in bringing a committee to promote better means and methods for Marie Mountmann's future welfare.

H. L. G., 331 North Market.

## THE SEGREGATION ELECTION.

The injunction which the opponents of segregation are said to be preparing against the initiative as unconstitutional would probably fail; the initiative provision of the charter is probably constitutional, but we doubt the constitutionality of a segregation law.

We do not believe that it is constitutional to forbid citizens of any class to occupy their own property, so long as they do not use it for unlawful purposes. How is it constitutionally possible to prevent a negro from occupying a home a house belonging to him? How is it possible to keep him from buying a house in any part of the city? If he owns the house, can he not occupy and use it?

Discriminations such as that embodied in a segregation law cut deep into fundamental rights and liberties. However much one may want to divide one class of citizens from another, or whatever reasons may be urged in favor of their division, we must have regard for fundamental principles of liberty. We must preserve individual rights at any cost.

The Board of Aldermen might have saved the city much money by passing the segregation ordinance and thus giving opportunity for a test of the law, without subjecting the city to the great cost of an election by initiative. The party to which the Aldermen belong has too much regard for the negro vote to consent to action of this kind. It would, however, have saved the city a large sum, without cutting off the opportunity of the negro to fight segregation.

If it is possible to test the principle of the law without undertaking the heavy expense of an election—possibly two elections—steps should be taken to this end. The city has been overburdened with special elections.

May the Saturday event have the effect of heartening all lone American widowers.

## MOROS AND MORMONS.

Brigadier-General Frank McIntyre strongly urges Congress not to include a penal provision against polygamy in the new Philippine bill. It will be better not to enact it than to leave it unenforced, he thinks, and to enforce it would cost much bloodshed and many years of time.

This seems to be good advice. Even on this continent plural marriages have had an astonishing prevalence against the force of the law. The first national convention ever held by the Republican party denounced the polygamy of Mormonism as one of the twin relics of barbarism. Half a century later polygamy in Utah was an issue of fact on which much was said in the affirmative.

Will the Moros, whose religion also sanctions plural marriages, be as much of a problem as the Mormons and will there be future struggles over Moro Reed Smoots and Moro Congressman Roberts?

## ABYSSINIA TO THE RESCUE.

Another of the curious possibilities which the war has thrust on the world is contained in a report from Abyssinia. The young Emperor of that country is said to have offered 200,000 of his black troops, well trained and armed with Belgian and Krupp guns, to assist the allies. If the report is not a mocking invention of the enemy and the offer is bona fide and is accepted, Abyssinia would be found fighting on the same side with Italy, with which not so very long ago it was at war, with results greatly to Italy's disadvantage. But, then, the struggle has from the first been throwing nations into groupings which only a little time ago would have been thought impossible. Illogical, Japan is fighting on Russia's side, after late bloody resistance to her rivalry. Bulgaria is fighting with the Turks, whom only two years ago she was slaughtering, and Turkey is fighting against the British and French, who for nearly a century were her protectors.

The most remarkable feature of Abyssinia's participation would be the further extent of African territory it would involve in the issues of the contest. The Continent is so largely controlled by the colonizing Powers that practically all of Africa except Abyssinia and Liberia is now affected by the war. If the Abyssinian offer is accepted, only Liberia would remain at peace. More of heathen Africa would participate in Christian Europe's war than Europe itself.

"Blood and iron," said Bismarck, but he probably never expected anything like iron smelted in Germany.

## NEW HOST OF BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

Estimates on the enlistments obtained in the British Isles under the Lord Derby plan were early placed at 500,000 and have ranged from that number to an improbable maximum of 8,000,000. Whatever the exact number, the period permitted for testing the plan closed with all the evidences of a remarkable success.

An incredible proportion of the available material in the kingdom has been placed at the disposal of the war office. It is said to be enough to put new armies in the field and to supply for months to come the normal ratio of wastage in all armies.

A result which should enable the British to make a credible showing in the remainder of the war, without resort to conscription, would have significance from many viewpoints. It would make its own contribution to those general guarantees of a long era of peace hoped for as a consequence of the war. It would compel the world to assume a new attitude of respect toward the voluntary as compared with the compulsory system of military service.

No argument against reasonable preparedness would be found in an ultimate success in which conscription had played no part, so far as the British are concerned. Some proportion of the men of every nation ought to have a training and equipment qualifying them to take up the work of national defense without delay in an emergency. But it would show that that extravagant preparation which makes every citizen a potential

soldier, consumes the vitality of a people with militarism and subordinates all other aims to that of armed force is unnecessary. And in doing that, some modern notions on which imperial military power has been planned would be sadly upset.

## ST. LOUIS IS AWAKENING.

The \$285,000 appropriation for the first unit in a system of municipal wharves passed the Board of Aldermen without a dissenting vote.

This unanimity represents the sentiment and conviction of St. Louis as to future needs in conserving the city's trade supremacy and prestige. We believe that St. Louis has never made a \$285,000 investment from which so many material returns have been received as may reasonably be expected from this investment.

The city's executive officers have a further important duty to perform. Supplied with the money they should make this first unit an object lesson on the possibilities of modern rail-and-river terminals. Its construction should avoid handicaps from the Mississippi's fluctuating depth. It should be furnished with the very latest and most economical labor-saving machinery and appliances.

In other words, it should be a model in convenience and cost-reducing equipment for handling river freight under the competitive conditions created by the splendid facilities at the disposal of the railroads.

The Deakne report is to be drowned in the six-foot channel of the Missouri.

## A REGISTRY MORTGAGE TAX.

F. N. Judson's letter to the Post-Dispatch opportunely points out that the decision of the Kansas Supreme Court invalidating a registry tax on mortgages should not discourage further effort in Missouri for sane taxation on this form of credits.

The distinction he draws between the constitutional rules of the two states is one familiar to lawyers and students of tax evolution. The rule requiring uniformity in the taxation of all property was at one time regarded by not a few states other than Kansas as providing an adequate safeguard against injustice and inequality. But it was found that the same kind of taxation is not adapted to all kinds of property. Some forms of taxation gave satisfactory results as applied to some forms of property, but unsatisfactory results as applied to other forms.

So, more than a generation ago, the old hard rule of uniformity for all property began to give way to a rule permitting property to be classified and requiring uniformity only for property of the same kind or classification. Missouri has long had the broader rule, but Kansas, whose governing devices are supposed to be in advance of those of most of the states, still sticks to the old rule.

A registry tax on mortgages would be self-enforcing. It would cause an enormous reduction in perjury in Missouri and yield much greater revenue than is obtained under the present plan of taxing mortgages by assessment, which everybody, seemingly, is in a conspiracy to evade.

## THAT ASTOUNDING AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL.

Austria asks us to define the law while it "must preserve full liberty to urge its own legal interpretations." That is to say, we may play the part of prosecutor to our heart's content, while Austria will act as judge and jury. This would be less startling in contrast to heretofore recognized modes of justice if Austria were not the offender.

The most incomprehensible and paradoxical feature of the Austrian note is that it expresses sympathy for the victims.

## SAFETY GUARDS ON MACHINES.

Action to compel the equipment of machines with effective safety guards will not benefit Marie Mountmann, but may save other workers from injury or death. For that reason, State Factory Inspector Johnston should have the cooperation of all machine-using employers in seeing that the best-known safety equipment is placed on all machinery. A majority of employers are willing to obey the law in this regard, and the courts should deal sternly with the few who are too penurious and too careless of the welfare of their employees to make their machines safe.

But the most potent factor in bringing about the universal use of safety devices will be a workmen's compensation law. Under that law, the stingy employer will know that he cannot escape payment for injuries sustained by workers from unguarded machines. It will be cheaper to use safety guards than to run the risk of paying compensation. The compensation law will make the Golden Rule automatic in places where men and machinery come in contact.

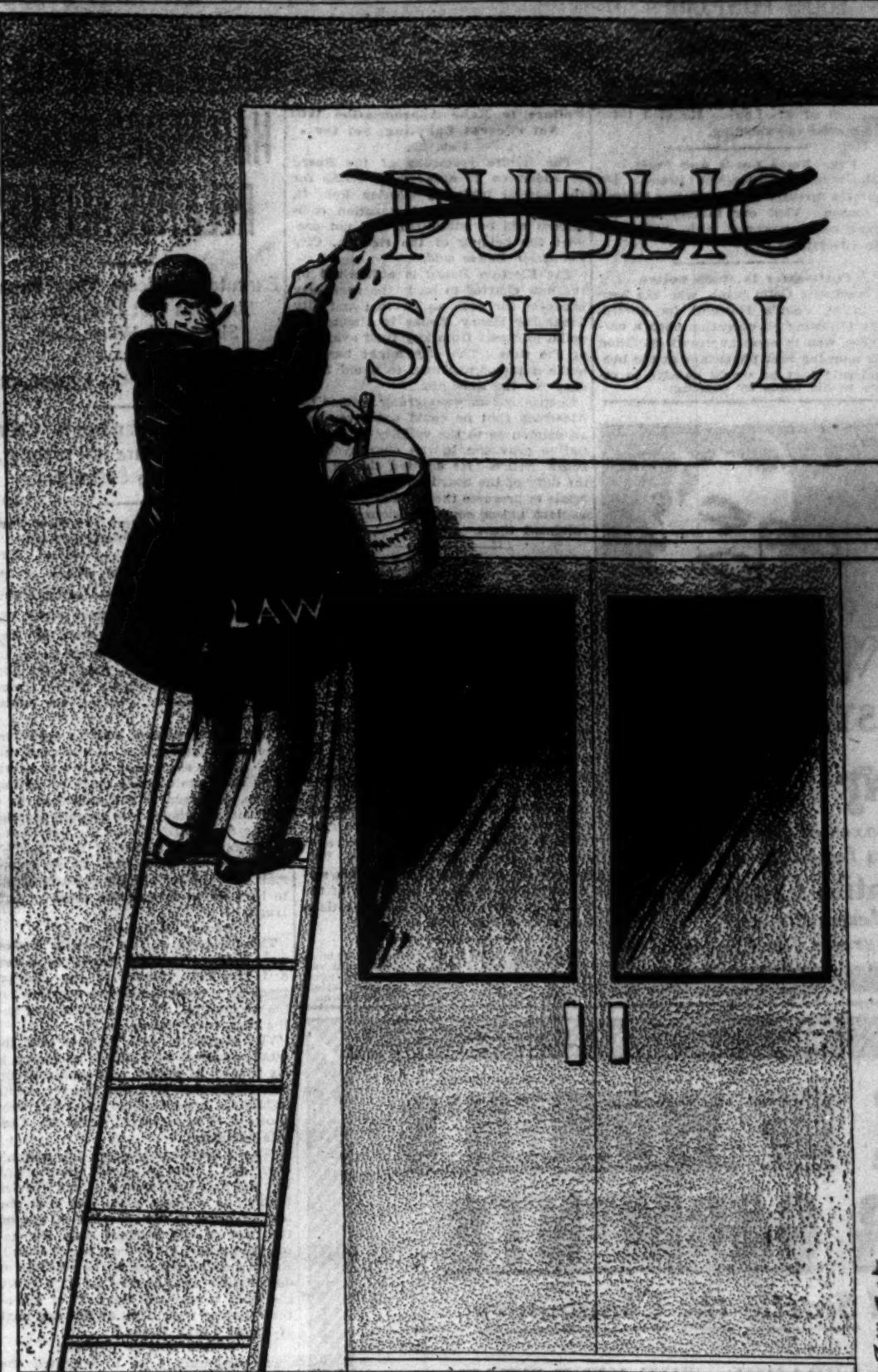
Revised to date: Lying rides on war's back.

## SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

He is a romantic looking Prisoner of Zenda sort of chap, with a clubby air and a deuced lot of sang froid. Sang froid is the stuff good Generals are made of. Their sang has to be froid in order to stand the killing pace. As all readers of English drawing-room fiction know very well, sang means blood, and froid means cold.

Sir Douglas is the "very picture of a modern Major General," as Gilbert would have said, and he bears the illustrious name of the mightiest Scotch whisky ever distilled—the justly celebrated pinch bottle brand that has captured two continents and bowled over more great military commanders than all the cannon balls, which always fall short of headquarters. With the powerful prestige of his name, plus his sang froid, a military mustache that out-Kaisers the Kaiser's, and a record of 16 months valor in terrific action, he comes to supreme command of the British continental armies full of promise. Dispatches describe him as "the youngest General in the army, who has seen more hard fighting than any of them."

The war has yet to develop a General of truly heroic proportions or spectacular achievement. To wrest out of this ruck and brawl of nations a fame that shall ring down the corridors of time and be celebrated in song and story is a large order. Perhaps the new Commander is the gigantic romantic figure the onlookers have been waiting for—but he has his work cut out for him!



THE JOKER.

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH  
by Clark McAdams

## ABOUT PROSPERITY.

ONE reason why we do not hear more of the return of prosperity is that the Republicans prefer to talk about the war. It is not good for the Republican party to have too much said of prosperity just at this time, and from that conspiracy of depression of which the President complained we have passed into a conspiracy of silence. It is not reasonable to suppose that business men are not all feeling much better than they did, but it is pretty hard to catch a Republican business man betraying any sign of it. Now and then one is caught off his guard, but they are mostly cautious. One hears it predicted by Republican politicians that all those business men who deserted the party in the last presidential election have had enough of Democratic rule, but one cannot be sure. It is possible that some Titan like Col. Roosevelt might have kept up import duties through the war and seen that trade moved across the ocean both ways without interruption by warring kings, but that has to do with faith, and the Democratic party is not a faith party. It is on faith that we sometimes let the Republicans in. What happened the last time we voted was that we lost faith. Nothing else bound us to the Republicans, so that let them out.

## DECEMBER 18.

Only seven days till Santa,  
Sticking still to honest folk,  
Put his reindeer's respirators  
On to reach us through the smoke.

## IN SIGNS.

On a North Grand avenue garage:  
Automobiles for Hire and Towed In  
On Easton avenue some time ago:  
Eat here once and you will never eat any  
place else.  
In the window of a saloon at Grand and Easton:  
If its in whiskey I got it.  
Seen in Oakland, California:  
Shoes shined, 5 cents a foot.  
"The inevitable has happened in Europe."  
"What is that?"  
"The British have decided to let the Scotch  
try it."  
The President and his bride will, of course,  
set up White House keeping.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE



## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

## BEAUTY CULTURE.

KLUMPF.—Answer to A. O. You cannot curl stiff, straight hair.  
A. O.—Let stiff hair grow long. Brush often. At night wear skull cap that will press it down. If only dry or blowing about, use oil or vasoline. Here is a famous old tonic for hair that is inclined to be stiff. Castor oil, half pint; pure alcohol (not wood), half pint; tincture of cantharides, half ounce; oil of bergamot, 2 drams. Where hair is dry this will be found efficacious and pleasant. Alcohol, 2 ounces; witch hazel, 2 ounces; rosewater, 3/4 ounce. Where hair has already begun to fall, this formula applied several times a week to the roots of the hair will arrest the distressing condition. Tincture of nuxvomica, 1 ounce; spirits of rosemary, 2 ounces; alcohol, 2 ounces.

## ETIQUETTE.

IGNORANT.—Don't send Christmas cards before he sends you one.  
H. R.—She may say, "We have spent a very pleasant evening" to your mother.

GRACE.—At formal gatherings after 8 p. m. wear evening dress. Don't wear hat. Take off gloves if you choose; it is not now the style to wear them.

CLEANING.  
CORA.—Removing ink stains: Citric acid, 1 part; concentrated solution of soda, 2 parts; distilled water, 10 parts. Dissolve the acid in the water, add the soda solution and mix by agitation.

MARION.—Ink on carpet: Put on stain a paste of buttermilk and starch, letting it remain two days and washing off with cold water. A second application should be allowed to remain three days. Milk may be used instead of paste.

M. E. S.—Chiffon, if not too much soiled, may be cleaned by brushing carefully with powdered starch and water, two parts of the former to one of the latter. Rub over several times with the mixture, using a soft cloth or brush. Shake free of the powder after each time. After going over it several times in this way, fill the chiffon with clean powder and leave for a day or two where it will be free from dust.

A. E.—Clean chinichilla with talcum powder well rubbed into the soiled area, then shaken out. Marion Harland cleaned badly soiled velvet with a mixture of equal parts alcohol and water, one-third as much naphtha, and a teaspoon of ammonia to pint of the blended ingredients. Bottle, cork and shake well. Sponge velvet—always with the nap. It will look like a sorry affair when dry, but the best step in the process will bring it all right. Hang in bathroom and turn on hot water until room is full of steam. Shut door and windows and leave article in the steam some hours. When cold and still damp, hang in outer air. When dry, hold hot iron upside down; wring cloth out of water. Lay over iron the put velvet wrong side next to wet cloth. While steam is passing through, brush on upper side with soft brush. Move wet cloth as fast as it dries to continue the rise of steam. Do not lay finger upon the newly risen nap until velvet is entirely dry. Remember, alcohol, ether and naphtha are inflammable.

## LAW POINTS.

MARCUS.—After having first papers a year you may vote.

NOSEY.—We don't know felony limitations of other states.

FRIEND OF THE WORKING GIRL.—Hotels are not mentioned in the 9-hour law.

ANXIOUS.—Damages could hardly be awarded in an automobile case of unavoidable accident.

J. F. D.—If common-law marriage is proved, a common-law husband who marries without divorce is a bigamist.

GRAHAM.—Living together and they giving out that they are husband and wife, constitutes common-law marriage in Missouri.

IRISHMAN.—If your father was not naturalized while you were a minor, you cannot vote until you get naturalization papers.

MARY.—In Illinois, tenant must vacate within 30 days if he receives written notice from landlord. Rent for that month may be collected.

U. S. SOLDIER.—If husband dies without making a will, wife gets dower (life interest) in real estate in his estate; household goods not exceeding appraised value of \$500; in the remainder, share equal to that of his children.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

E. C.—Of course!

M. W.—See chile at this office.

A. B. C.—Vincent Astor, 80 Fifth av., N. Y. C. Try phoning Professional Association, 221.

CURIOUS.—Least sensitive parts of the body, hair and nails.

SISTER.—Call your feminine dog Clasp, Fiddle, Fanny or Folly.

READER.—Girl in this country three years may go where she pleases.

INQUIRE.—Mrs. Wilson rests in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, St. Louis.

CONSTANT READER.—Repeatedly published. See address, this office.

C. C.—Say "Between you and me" and "You can call either him or her a kid."

SOLDIER.—Currency is paper money and coin. (Canteen law enacted, 1899.)

J. E. B.—You might try water-proof cement for the small crack in your stiff hat.

BILL.—Write General Land Office, Washington, D. C. for homestead information.

R. O.—Acids will not dissolve sheet mica. They'll attack it when it is finely ground.

A. N. O.—You may advertise your formula, but care that there is no misrepresentation.

A. P. D.—READER.—Try writing Red Cross Headquarters, 1634 M. St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

MRS. BROWN.—Theatrical profession is good for those adapted to it. Talk with a theater manager.

McDOWELL.—Try leaving an order for flint-lock musket with the old curiosity shop, or advertise for it.

A. B. C.—For "as easy enough to be pleasant," see Ella Wheeler Wilcox's verses in Public Library.

GLENN.—You may copy "Hymn of Hate" at this office or the Kipling Public Library, for the other verses.

L. M.—At the new rate of the Union Electric Co., it cost you 10¢ to 15¢ an hour to heat a flatiron.

MISS MARGARET R.—See Board of Children's Guardians, Municipal Court Building in regard to mother's pensions.

R. J. W.—"September Morn" would have to be placed at the postoffice before the question as to its being mailable could be decided.

F. S.—One writer says: To clean mechanism pipe place it in cold sweet milk in an earthenware jar stood in boiling water. Let it boil very slowly.

Another says: "Microchaum pipe may be boiled in sour milk or paraffin to restore the original color. The color should never be handled for in handling a coating or wax which covers the outer surface is partly removed."

J. E. M.—The Constitution provides that the President "shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." The first two Presidents, Washington and Adams, used to take both Houses of Congress in person and make their messages verbal. Since the occasion of Mr. Jefferson's first annual message written messages have prevailed from that day till the present administration. Either is proper.

ANNETTE—"Xmas" is a poor word for Christmas, but it is not as absurd as it may appear. The letter "X," although we pronounce it just as we pronounce the letter that looks like it in English alphabet, is not "C." It is the Greek letter chi. It has the force of our own "ch," being decidedly guttural. This letter "X" or chi was the first letter of the Greek verb "chrō," to anoint. The adjective formed from that verb is "Christos," "anointed." The "Anointed" was the title of Jesus. He was the Christ. We may easily see how "Xmas" is an abbreviation for Christmas through the Greek language, for Christmas







# The Current Report That Judge Rasin Will Settle the Peace Provisions

## PEACE COMMITTEE ADJOURNS WITHOUT COMPLETING PLANS

League Delegates Will Re-Assemble in Cincinnati Tuesday—Rumors Strong That Settlement of Difficulties Is Not Yet In Sight.

## Baseball Developments

VERY little fact, for publication at least, is to be found among the rumors that followed the gathering of the Peace Committees at New York, yesterday and today. Here are some of the developments:

Harry Sinclair of the Feds is quoted as saying the Feds will buy the Browns.

Miller Huggins, it was said, may purchase the St. Paul club, if the Cardinals were disposed of to Phil Ball.

Disposition of the players proving a stumbling block in the adjustment of peace.

Baltimore magnates insist on representation in a major league.

Cardinals franchise sought.

Hedges and Ball both refuse to commit themselves regarding the proposed merger of their clubs.

New York Sun and the New York Press reports, as well as one from Post-Dispatch wire message insist that the Cardinals, not the Browns, are to be bought by Ball.

Council of both sides advise the Judge to be consulted before peace proceedings are continued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. THE peace meeting between organized and independent baseball interests adjourned today and Ban Johnson announced that no definite action had been taken. The committees will meet in Cincinnati next Tuesday.

Today's conference lasted nearly four hours and while it was in progress, as well as at the conclusion, there were many rumors that prospects for peace in the baseball world were far from promising.

The action of the conference in adjourning to Cincinnati gave impetus to these rumors. Neither Ban Johnson, president of the American League, nor any of the other magnates would admit that serious difficulties were encountered in the effort to amalgamate the Federal League with the various organized leagues.

One report had it that as the situation unfolded, organized interests came to realize that they had been overreager for peace and that they were seeking a loophole by which to escape the tentative agreement with the Federal League.

Two important Federal League men left here hurriedly at noon and it was rumored that they had instructions to sign more players for the league.

A question was raised in the negotiations here whether the Federal League would sign a peace treaty while the legal action was still pending before the courts.

Once Judge Landis' consent is obtained, it is understood that the National Commission and Federal League committee have the authority to adjust details and sign a peace agreement.

Garry Herrmann was the only member of the National Commission who had appeared up to 10 o'clock.

Herrmann said nothing from the lawyers sent to Chicago to ask Judge Landis for permission to withdraw from the league. It was said that it will lead to a quick settlement of the peace negotiations.

Many of the Federal League magnates were on hand early and the chief topic of discussion was the Federal League, having "iron-bound" contracts with the Federal League, will be paid their salaries in full. The other players of the Federal League will receive their salaries in full.

The American League will remain intact. Last night James A. Gilmore, Charles Weegman and Harry Sinclair were appointed a committee to represent the Federal League at the meeting this morning.

Cito, who started the racket in the Federal League, was accompanied by Goldmann and Dave Landish of Baltimore. Several times Rasin came out to the meeting to consult with Cito.

Rasin raised the claim that Baltimore is a big league city and the stockholders of the Federal League should be left out in the cold. He said:

"Our club lived up to all its obligations and made a little money. We don't want to receive a minor league franchise. We don't want a minor league club in our city. We demand that we be allowed to purchase the franchise of the St. Louis Cardinals and transfer the franchise to Baltimore."

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Charles Weegman, owner of the Chicago Feds, will buy the controlling interest in the Chicago Cubs. He will merge the two clubs as the Chicago Nationals and Joe Tinker, present manager of the Chicago Cubs, will manage the resulting team.

Roger Bresnahan, whose contract as manager of the Cubs has two more years to run, will be paid his salary in full and allowed to buy into the Cleveland club of the American Association.

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## KEELER, TONIGHT, TARTAR, TONIGHT, PARADEK BOUT

"Sailor" Should Put Up Good Fight Against Rugged South Side Welter.

TRENDALL BUSY MONDAY

Pride of the Patch Goes to Kansas City for Bout With Johnny Salvatore.

Sailor Jerabek, a middleweight of considerable fighting merit and undoubted punch and courage, will oppose welterweight Leo Kelly at the South Broadway Athletic Club tonight in the main event of a card of three contests, with Eddie Randall the referee.

Kelly has fought many good men from lightweight to middleweight and has proven a tough card for all opponents. His hard and is difficult to hurt. He has a kind of round style derived from experience in many rings from Ohio to the Pacific Coast.

The other bouts scheduled are between Owen Hooker of Frisco and Eddie Everett of St. Louis, and between Everett Anderson and Billy Cole. Lennon faces Harry Kabakoff, Monday night, and therefore may be in for a double trimming.

Trendall Goes to K. C.

Harry Trendall will quit the community for Kansas City today. He fights Johnny Salvatore at Jimmy Hurst's club Monday. Salvatore is a fighter of class, and is considered around Minneapolis, where he homes, Trendall is fully protected by organized baseball with Len Rowlands to show at the Euclid City A. C.

Welsh Going Right Ahead

That promise to meet Charley White is not stopping Freddie Welsh's barnstorming tour. Welsh recently stalled and clinched through six rounds in Philadelphia against a local lightweight, and was panned by the press and audience as having lost the bout by a mile.

Mr. Gaffney, owner of the Boston Nationals, said today that the conference last night disclosed that the Federal League had lost more than \$5,000,000 since its entry in the baseball world. This amount was more than the combined losses of all previous baseball wars, it was said.

Aside from the mergers of the National and Federal League clubs, a CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, one of the most important clauses in the agreement, it is authoritatively stated, is a provision that 72 of the Federal League players will be transferred to the Federal League.

An important phase of the negotiations is the part assigned to the International League, which is to be a committee in taking over the clubs and players left after the elimination of the Federal League.

Newark, Buffalo, Baltimore and Pittsburgh, it is stated, are to have clubs in the reorganized International League. It is reported that Carroll Rasin, president of the American Association, will control the new Baltimore club and that Edward Gwinner, head of the Pittsburgh Pirates, will be president of the reorganized Pittsburgh club.

Rasin, however, demands that the St. Louis National League club be transferred to Baltimore.

The same authority probably the International League and the American Association will have to take care of the players rejected by the two major leagues.

Is It Possible?

Gibbons will meet Young Ahearn in Minneapolis about Jan. 15, a St. Paul paper states. But will he—CAN he? If Gibbons had pneumonia, he'd do no fighting for at least two months, if he values his future.

Safety First, Then Money

The middleweight situation will be threatened soon because, says a pugilistic writer, Les Darcy, Jeff Smith, all in this country.

The conclusion is not warranted from the fact that Welsh has been champion for nearly 18 months without risking his title in anything save no-nonsense bouts.

The chances are that it will take a year of 10-round bouts to get the prize money. The point where the fight for the title can be arranged.

The situation must be thoroughly milled before the cream is skimmed from it.

FEW RUNNERS ENTERED IN BIG CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Twenty-seven runners are entered in the annual cross-country race, which will be held at the Mound City Park course this afternoon.

The event is years. As the course is longer with snow and ice, it has been altered to suit the needs of the runners.

It would be SOME Team.

The addition of Ernie Johnson, Charley Deal, Johnny Tobin and Armando Marsano should round out a tight defense for the Browns. Every man of the team has the catchers would be a speeder, while pitchers of Davenport's stripe.

Let of tournament play against men of championship timber is one reason why St. Louis men drag behind in the net.

Yet, after all, this bug has some good men. Its failure to have played in the first 100 ranking this year, was due to the neglect of local men to participate in enough events under the National Tennis Association.

## Iron Man Wolgast, Who Twice This Week Was 'Stopped' by Opponents

Prior to this week the once great light-weight had never been knocked out or forced to quit, except for broken bones.

His championship was lost on a foul, not by a "Kayo."

On one occasion Wolgast was forced to quit in the eighth round of a bout with Welsh because of a fractured arm bone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—That Ad Wolgast is all down and out as a scrapper of title class was evident when he was forced to quit before the scheduled end of his bout with Leach Cross at the Harlem Sporting Club last night.

In the sixth round of the battle both of Ad's eyes were in bad shape, one of them being closed up from a cut received at Atlanta this week, while the other was almost as bad.

Wolgast could hardly see and his seconds were forced to throw up the sponge in the seventh.

Up to the sixth the bout had been even, Wolgast having two rounds, Cross two, with one even.

Wolgast fought in his usual aggressive style.

This was the second fight of the week that Wolgast has abandoned. At Atlanta, Ga., against Frankie Whitney of Cedar Rapids, Wolgast suffered a cut over his eye that bled so profusely he was unable to continue.

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## CENTRAL BASKET BALL MAKES BOW AGAINST MCKINLEY

Tonight's High School Feature Will Be Severe Test for Walker's Boys.

SOLDAN PLAYS YEATMAN

West End Team Is Expected to Prove the Stronger in This Contest.

Central High School's 1915 debut will feature the weekly double bill of the Intercollegiate Basketball League at the Grover Cleveland High School gymnasium tonight.

The mid-city quint will clash with the McKinley High five in the opening game, while Soldan and Soltan are scheduled to play in the second encounter.

Cleveland High has an open date. The initial game should be a close one, as the two, inasmuch as Central and McKinley are favored to struggle for the "premier" supremacy this season.

The South Riders showed splendid form in their game with Soltan last Saturday, while Central, with several veterans back in the lineup, looks very good on paper.

Coach Walker will send his team against McKinley with McKelvey, Miller and Larmore as veterans of the last season. Whitley, who played quarterback on the red and black football eleven, will be a newcomer forward, while Switzer will be tried at the center position.

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## SPORTS SALAD BY L.C. DAVIS.

The Worm Will Toin.

It is a baseball manager. He stoppeth one of three; And utters words to this effect: "Just keep your eye on me."

"For two long years I've been beseath the baseless Player's thumb. And now I find my bank account is strictly on the bum."

"In watching baseball players jump there's not a word of fun; But just come out and watch 'em when I've got 'em on the run."

"And, if, for acrobatic stunts, Perchance your heart doth yearn; Just watch your Uncle Dudley, Bo—The worm is due to turn!"

No Kid.

The Browns and Terriers are to be consolidated. Looks like first division!

The Correct Dope.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. By leased wire via Cape Kid.—Report that Huggins will buy St. Paul club and that Cardinals will be transferred to Baltimore is a fake and feature.

The Cardinals have been purchased by the British Government and will be placed where they do the most harm.

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## LATE RALLY EARNS DRAW FOR MAGUIRE AGAINST T. BURKE

Local Middleweight Had Oklahoma Outpointed Up to the Final Session.

WOLGAST ALL "THROUGH"

And Likewise Joe Mandot, Both Having Been Stopped in Their Bout Last Night.

NEW YORK.—At the Harlem Sporting Club Leach Cross made Ad Wolgast throw up the sponge in the seventh round.

Benny Leonard beat Joe Mandot, stopping him in the seventh round.

Joe Wellington and Young Brown fought a 10-round draw.

Dayton, O.—Yankee Gilbert, putting up the poorest fight on record, was knocked and bloodied till round, decided that Willie Miller had chased the big stiff long enough.

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# The Jarr Family

Written for the Post-Dispatch  
By Roy L. McCardell.

## Mr. Soper Nips in the Bud Mrs. Jarr's Scheme to Work Mr. Silver for Christmas Gifts.

It was the hour appointed for Mr. Rangle and Mr. Soper and the dancing bachelors, Jack Silver, to arrive to play a friendly game of five-cent limit poker in the Jarr dining room—by the gracious permission of Mrs. Jarr.

"Now, don't forget," whispered Mrs. Jarr when the doorbell rang, "to start the conversation about William wanting a bicycle for Christmas and little Emma wanting a set of furs. If Jack Silver is not too selfish, and all bachelors are selfish, he certainly will say, 'I should love to get the children those things, if you'll permit me.' Of course we'll murmur we couldn't think of such a thing, and then I know Willie and Emma will whimper and cry, and Jack Silver will insist."

"And forget all about it when Christmas comes," said Mr. Jarr.

"Oh, no, he won't forget it," replied Mrs. Jarr. "I'll send him a nice Christmas card the day before Christmas, and I'll write on it, 'and little Willie and little Emma also wish you a merry Christmas.' That will remind him. And if it doesn't, well, he needn't come to this house any more, and I'll do my best to get him married to some girl who will make him pay for his selfishness."

By this time the visitor who had rung the doorbell below had arrived. It was not Mr. Silver, however. It was the ever-affable Mr. Charles Soper.

Our English cousin has an expressive slang term for the genial false-alarm genius of the Charlie Soper type. They call them "Swankers." And the Charlie Soper line of conversation is known in London as "swanking."

Mr. Soper was hardly off with his hat before he was on with his swank.

"How do you do, Mrs. Jarr?" he cried. "How well you're looking! I must call for you in my car and take you and the children for a spin some of these days. Now, don't say no! It's a closed car, a twin-sit, il-mousine—no danger of pneumonia—and we'll run down to my little place in the country—I keep it open all the year around—and I'll send the car back to town for Mr. Jarr—we'll make it a Saturday—and you can bring your things and stay the weekend with me. Don't say no, I have eight masters' rooms—spare bedrooms, you know—and I'll have a pony and cart for the children. I have an old colored mammie cook—you know what that means?"

Mr. Jarr knew what it meant. There's no such animal as "the genuine old Southern colored mammie cook." It is a character in fiction.

Mr. Rangle arrived next and eyed the affable Mr. Soper as though he were a strange bug—which indeed he was.

In due time Jack Silver, the opulent bachelor friend, arrived. He was cordial in his greeting to all present, even to Mr. Soper, when the latter presented his gold cigarette case containing the special cigarettes made for him, according to Mr. Soper, by the chief cigarette maker of the Shah of Persia.

And so swanked he those whom swanking swanketh.

Mrs. Jarr was in such a flutter that it was some time before she had Willie voicing his desire for a bicycle for Christmas.

"Oh, don't get him a bicycle!" cried Mr. Soper in alarm when Jack Silver remarked he would buy one for the boy. "A boy on a bicycle hasn't a chance for his life with the streets full of autos!"

Mr. Silver in alarm withdrew his offer. Then Mrs. Jarr mentioned that at least the gift the little Jarr girl desired was safe—a fur set.

"Safe!" cried Mr. Soper, aghast. "Safe? No child of mine should wear furs. Since the war furs are full of anthrax and anthrax is death!"

Having thus cast gloom and disappointment all around him, the local champion heavyweight swanker remarked, "But I thought we were going to have a little game of five-cent ante. You know, I never gamble. It's petty larceny."

Mrs. Jarr led the moaning children away, and Mr. Jarr conducted his friends to the dining room, where the card game was to be held.

### Life Lyrics

SHE made HIM move into a swell neighborhood to get in the social swim. They hadn't the cash to get going good, so SHE blamed it all on him.

"I made a mistake when I married you; my whole life is spoiled, of course!"

He did what some men who are married do—he got her a quick divorce.

SHE married a crabbled old millionaire and leaped into social fame. She suddenly found that she didn't care; she just wasn't worth the game.

She'd bartered her life for a golden cup, and found the cup empty then.

She yearned for the love she had given up and never could have again!

### Plain Testimony

T-LL me," said the attorney for the prosecution. "Were you present at the inception of the situation?"

"No, sir," replied the witness. "but I was right there when the lady started."

## MUTT and JEFF—Another Submarine Outrage on the High Seas!

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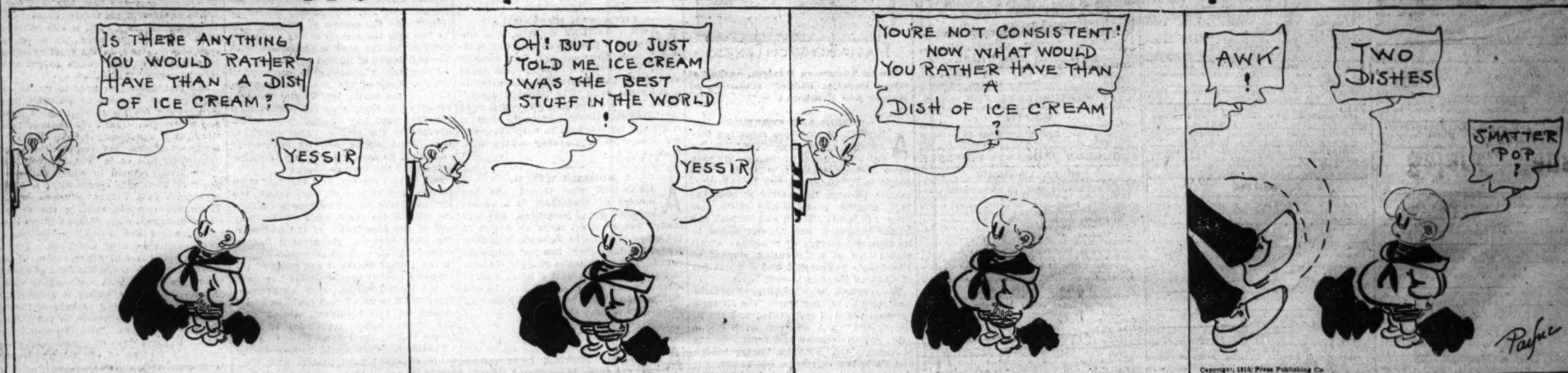
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## S'MATTER POP?

How About Three Dishes?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By C. M. PAYNE.



## Can You Beat It?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch By MAURICE KETTNER



### BETTER THAN KNOCKING.

### What He Appreciated.

I HAVE never owned any automobiles," said the man who hadn't yet paid for his home, "but I can say one thing in praise of them."

"What is that?" inquired Henderson.

"They have made mortgages respectable,"—Judge.



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### How Jim Proposed

JIM BARNABEE loved Mattie Lane, but he was shy on sand. He never could get brave enough to ask her for her hand. At times they'd talk of love and Jim would get right to the point and then his nerve would fail and he'd grow weak in every joint.

It went along in this way, well, two years of thereabouts. The words kept sticking in his throat, refusing to come out. But finally the climax came: 'twas just a month ago when Jim and Matt sat in a box one evening at a show. 'Twas in the second act, I think. A man came out and sung a song called

"Won't You Marry Me?" It got Jim all unstrung. An' would you believe it, just about the time the song was through Jim turned and whispered, "Will you?" Matt says, "Yes." She meant it, too.

Well, right before the audience (the clean forgot the show), Jim hugged the girl and kissed her cheeks a dozen times or so. An' they left the happiest of people on this earth. The show was bun, but Jim proposed. We got our money's worth.

### It Is Frequently Necessary.

I SUPPOSE you will hang up your stocking at Christmas, Mr. Oldpop? "No, my watch."

LOTS and lots of women are doing exercises to get thinner. They'd get quicker results if they'd exercise their judgment more at meal time.

### Worked Way Through.

IF you go in for athletics when you were at college, father? "I should say I did. I sawed and split all the wood they used in the college stoves in return for my board and tuition."

### But Rarer, Too.

C LARENCE: Pop, what is a millennium? "Darktown father: It's deas about de same as centennial, mub sqa, on'y it's got mo' legs—Puck."

Nearly every woman you see coming out of a grocery is seen chewing something. Just a matter of habit.

### Salary Loans

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